

BILL RAISER CONFESSES HIS GUILT

Dickinson admits Charge of Raising and Passing Fake \$20 Bills

Breaking down under a fire of questions and confronted with the damning evidence found in his room here, Norman Dickinson, 35, admitted his guilt of raising and passing U. S. currency and was taken to Raleigh last Thursday by Marshal Honeycutt.

This was the dramatic ending of a case which puzzled merchants and officers for more than a month when local stores and stores in Warrenton and Henderson began receiving what were apparently good twenty dollar bills only to discover they were five dollar bills, changed and raised to look like twenties.

Dickinson was arrested here last Wednesday by U. S. Agent L. O. Padgett and Chief Dobbins. He denied the charges but a search of his room revealed all the necessary equipment to change the bills.

When he was brought out of jail Thursday morning for an examination before Commissioner W. O. Thompson, his silence of the day before was ended and he explained in detail his movements for the past two months.

He said he picked up the idea himself after a careful study of the new bills and accidentally catching on to the likeness between twos, and tens and between the fives and twenties. He insisted that he was a lone wolf and did the work in his room at odd times when he knew he would not be disturbed. As he was staying with his brother, J. O. Dickinson, when he was here, he was only able to do a little work each day and he says it sometimes took him three days at odd times to change one bill.

This was done by carefully cutting out by pattern the figure 20 and pasting over the original five; by recoloring part of the bill, relettering part of it; and by shading the finished job to prevent detection by the look of newness. The trick of passing it had to be done quickly as a close examination was sure to bring questions and trouble.

He first tried and raised two 2 dollar bills to tens. But this was apparently too slow a process, so the next set were fives raised to twenties. So far, officers have found eleven of the raised bills here, at Warrenton and Henderson. Dickinson would not say how many he had raised but admitted starting the work in January.

Under a two thousand dollar bond, he was taken to Raleigh to await trial in Federal Court at Wilson in May. As he has pled guilty, it is thought now that the only witnesses needed at Wilson will be Agent Padgett and Chief Dobbins, the arresting officers, which, if true, dashes the hopes of several Twin City citizens who had visions of taking a trip to Wilson as the guests of Uncle Sam.

Merchandise which Dickinson received in his transactions were identified by various local merchants who had been victimized and led to the confession. His trick was to go into a store during a rush period Saturday night, buy a small amount of goods, flash the twenty, get his change, take his purchase, and make a quick getaway. Officers got on his trail when a Henderson merchant recognized him.

The man was not well known here, altho he must have spent several months here at various times. He was a painter by trade but worked for a short time in one of the local mills. His brother is well known here and bears a good reputation.

Another Candidate For General Assembly

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Lower House of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, subject to the Democratic primary, June 7, 1930, and do hereby declare that if elected will serve the people the best I can in every way a citizen can. I live at Roanoke Junction, right in the midst of all the people. I am for the people and with the people.

CHARLIE HARRELL,
Rosemary, N. C. Post Office.

Mr. Troy Goodman of State College was a visitor in town last week.

TRADE AT HOME ENDS APRIL 15

Contest Time Limit Ex- tended: Public Inter- est Much Stronger

Independent merchants of Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids fired the second gun of their campaign to keep local money at home this week with a general broadcast all over this trading territory of the essay contest in which they are giving cash prizes for the best essays on the subject "Why We Should Trade With Home Owned Stores."

The date of ending the campaign has been changed to midnight, April 15th, so that every man, woman and child in the territory may have a ample time to write in their reasons why all should trade at home. Essays may be taken or mailed to any school in this section of the county, to any store in the Twin Cities or to THE HERALD. Several essays have already been received by THE HERALD but none will be opened until after midnight, April 15.

Hand bills announcing the contest were spread all over the Twin Cities, Gaston Township and the section between here and Aurelian Springs. The winning essay, not to be over 500 words, will be awarded \$15 in gold; second prize is \$10; third prize is \$5; fourth prize is \$3; and 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th prizes, one dollar each.

Another shot fired by the merchants may be seen in this issue of THE HERALD. They are sending out their message to the people in a full page advertisement headed "Save Your Homes."

It is to be clearly understood that this is not a lone fight against chain stores, but against every practice which takes money out of the community never to return again. The local merchants are not raising an Anti issue; rather they are seeking to wage a positive campaign to show every man, woman and child the benefits accruing to them and to the community in trading with home town merchants.

In short, if \$500,000 is being spent with outside concerns every year they want to show the people what a bigger and better town we could have had if that half million dollars had been spent here at home. A better city, better homes, better schools, better churches--would have been the result.

They attribute a part of the hard times to the fact that the local merchant has been unable to get the necessary support. They say if he had been getting all the business, he would have been in a position to render aid and extend credit to his customers. But with all the cash gone out of town, he is as hard hit as his customers.

Get busy today. Think up some clever, original ideas. Put them down on paper and send them in. You have a good chance to win one of the nine cash prizes offered.

'HOUDINI' JOHNSON BAFFLES SLEUTHS

Dark mystery still enshrouds the disappearance of Roy Johnson from the local hospital last Wednesday. Altho one week has passed, not a single little bird has cheeped and there is no clue to point the way Johnson was taken from the second floor of the hospital in a helpless condition, with one leg and arm of his body encased in a plaster cast. Johnson was under arrest on a charge of transporting liquor, but he was apparently safe in custody after being shot in the leg during the course of arrest. Except for the ladder near the window of his room, there is no clue. There are rumors he is somewhere in Virginia, but that is covering a lot of territory.

Revival Meeting At R. R. Baptist Church March 23—April 2

A revival meeting will begin in the Roanoke Rapids Baptist Church on March 23 and continue through April 2. Rev. R. D. Sephenson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Franklin, Va. will assist in these meetings, arriving Monday, March 24th, and preaching at the evening hour, seven thirty. Mr. Sephenson will be remembered by many of our people as a very strong preacher with a most charming personality. We wish to take this means of extending to the general public a cordial invitation to attend these services which will be held each evening at 7:30.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES ORGANIZED

Churches, Clubs, Lodges and Mills Join Hands In Charity Work

A group of citizens met at the Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon and discussed the organization of an Associated Charities that relief to the poor might be more systematically and efficiently administered. After the plan of operation had been stated and discussed, a resolution to organize was offered and carried.

The organizations represented and their respective delegates were as follows: Roanoke Rapids Baptist Church, C. N. Wheeler, Wells D. Tillery, E. W. Eubanks; Roanoke Rapids Methodist Church, L. M. Hall, William China, Mrs. W. P. Taylor; Presbyterian Church, Mrs. J. P. Grizzard, Miss Winifred Beckwith, Ned Manning, Rev. Hugh T. Bradley; Episcopal Church, J. N. Bynum, W. T. Mullen, Mrs. W. L. Long, Mrs. W. F. Joyner; Rosemary Methodist Church, C. W. Davis, S. M. Thompson, C. T. Thrift, T. M. Jenkins; Rosemary Baptist Church, J. W. Norwood, S. D. Brown, Mrs. Paul Ray; Christian Church, Buck Taylor, B. F. Armstrong, V. H. Grantham, Mrs. T. E. Lewter; Woodmen of the World, O. L. Smith, J. R. Jenkins; Junior Order, W. T. Glover, C. L. Elting; Masons, W. J. Norwood, F. J. Hawley; Red Men, J. M. Taylor; Rosemary Mfg. Co., W. L. Manning; Town of Roanoke Rapids, Dr. T. W. M. Long. These voted unanimously for the organization.

The following were elected officers: J. N. Bynum, president; Ned Manning, vice president; Mrs. J. P. Grizzard, secretary; T. M. Jenkins, treasurer. Finance committee, W. J. Norwood, Frank J. Hawley, Tom M. Jenkins, Clyde Wheeler, T. W. Mullen. Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, J. N. Bynum, C. W. Davis, E. W. Eubanks. Investigating Committee, Mrs. T. M. Jenkins, Mrs. W. L. Long, Rev. V. H. Grantham, Mrs. W. P. Taylor, Miss Winifred Beckwith. The first named of all committees is chairman. This organization will not be able to give any relief or aid for some weeks yet as it is without funds until plans for raising funds can be carried out.

MAY BUILD GAS PLANT

Tentative plans for the building of a gas plant between Weldon and Roanoke Rapids were discussed before the Board of Town Commissioners at Weldon at their regular March meeting, by D. L. Thompson, representative of the proposed company.

It was understood that the granting of a franchise to the proposed company would involve an expenditure from either Weldon or Roanoke Rapids, but would be entirely a private concern.

Mr. Thompson told the Commissioners that should Weldon, Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids see fit to grant a franchise, that a plant would be built between Weldon and Roanoke Junction and would be prepared to give service to the three towns within one year from the beginning of the construction. Mr. Thompson in his report to the commissioners further stated that should plans be perfected the proposed company would be incorporated under the laws of North Carolina, and that they would not run up the streets or sidewalks in the installation of the gas lines and would keep up for one year all holes caused by the installation of the lines. Mr. Thompson told the commissioners that he wanted to let them think the proposition over and that he would meet them again in the near future when they could tell him something more definite.

New American Legion Post Meets Tuesday

The newly organized Post of the American Legion will meet Tuesday night, March 25th, at the Rosemary Winter Garden for the purpose of electing officers and forming plans for adding to the membership. Twenty-six ex-service men were signed up here in the past few weeks for membership and they are all urged to attend and bring other men who have not been seen. This is notice for all World War vets to report for duty on Tuesday night, regardless of how, where or why they saw service.

MINSTREL WAS HUGE SUCCESS

Kiwanis Club Stages Best Local Talent Show In These Parts

Well, Folks, we didn't kid you any about Minstrel Mimics. The only trouble is we didn't spread it on quite heavy enough and the result is there are many people around here that would give their eye teeth if they had been in on the fun last Friday night. Now they must wait a whole year.

Yep, just about a year from now according to Kiwanis President Frank Wilson, the Club will stage its second annual Minstrel show. The contract has been signed and Director Lyle Wilson of the Rogers Producing Co., will return with a new show, the latest songs and dances, and it will be bigger and better than ever. So don't plan anything for March 1931 that will interfere.

From the minute the curtain went up on the opening chorus Friday night until it rang down on the closing song two hours later, a splendid crowd of almost 1,000 men, women and children had the times of their lives. It was a most receptive audience and the contagion spread back of the footlights where the boys and girls staged one of the cleverest and smoothest local talent shows ever witnessed.

Act One was an old time minstrel setting. The circle was dressed in jockey suits, red coats, white riding pants and black boots, and with their make-up and cocky hats looked sweet enough to kiss. They were Dick Martin, E. A. Tellega, Bob Allen, Murphy Jackson, Charley Davis, Wick Ross, Hugh Bradley, Hurley King, Wilton Mullen, Leslie Towe, Alonzo Akers and Red Mason. When Interlocutor Joe Chase marched in during the opening chorus he received a splendid hand from the crowd. It was a great show. The six black-face ends kept the crowd in a constant uproar with their snappy jokes on local people and each other. Two of the prettiest solos of the show were "Your Mother and Mine," by Dick Martin, and "Aren't We All" by Tellega, while the ends came through with hot and comical stuff such as "Alany Snow" by Ned Manning, "Sunny Side Up" by Carroll Wilson, "Singing in the bathtub," by Howard Pruden, "My Wife is on a Diet," by Sam Peace and Nabe Smith shining with "Outside," while Roland Johnson stepped lively in "Dixie Jamboree." All the chorus parts were carried by the circle with beauty and precision that astonished the audience. Action and marches were well nigh perfect.

During a short intermission, President Frank Wilson thanked the audience for the splendid cooperation, calling special attention to the members present from Kiwanis Clubs and their friends from Rocky Mount, Emporia and other Halifax County and Northampton communities.

Act Two had a little of everything in it. The curtain rose on a beautiful setting for a Pop-Pop-Bowler Song, sung by Miss Pauline Brewer and the following snappy dancers: Misses Virginia Newsome, Dorothy Daughtry, Anne Pitts, Arline Batton, Sybil Sims, Mary Allen, Audrey Hardy and Margaret Anderson. Scene Two was a scene at the Choeyotte Country Club with the peppy little caddies, Misses Virginia Armstrong, Lillie Mae Matthees, Virginia Akers, Constance Barrow, Lurline Hardy and Margaret Dunning, while the Golf Girls who wielded the clubs so perfectly were Misses Josie Chase, Edith Elmore, Eliza Brown, Ottley Cranwell, Hilda Hines and Julia Crutchfield. The girls were beautiful, the music entrancing and the dancing as good as any of Ziegfelds.

Miss Galdys Steinberg entertained with a very clever dance and song act which was followed by Banjo-ology, some perfect work on the banjos by Russell Buxton and Crawford Britton who made a real hit with the crowd.

The last half hour was one long to be remembered. On the Isle of Never Known reigned a gigantic black queen who thought nothing of having twenty-two husbands, getting rid of them by the simple process of cooking them. When a handsome seaman, Dick Martin, and his two flunkies, Jasper, Carroll Wilson, and Ephriam, a bum cook, Roland Johnson, were left on the island, there was plenty of action. Bob Myrick as the Queen will never be forgotten nor will her Prime Minister, Stinkyoo, played by Hurley (Continued on back page)

RADIOFANS LIKE LOCAL MUSICIANS

Rosemary Band Makes Big Hit With First Broadcast

Comments most favorable from half dozen states and many requests they do it again real soon still come in after the Rosemary Band made its air debut over Station WTAR Raleigh on Saturday night, the first of this month.

We print below a few of the comments received from radiofans and handed over to Bandmaster R. L. Martin by the radio station. There are many others but space does not permit their publication at this time.

Needless to say, everybody with a radio from the Twin Cities tuned in on the boys and were delighted with the program and very proud of the way they carried on. Here is what a few of the fans had to say about the broadcast.

Heard your program Saturday evening. It was fine, and a number of others listened in with me. Hope I may have the pleasure of hearing you again soon.—Ed Owens, Easley, S. C.

Your program was fine. I enjoyed it, when will you be on the air again?—J. C. Darby, Spartanburg, S. C.

I sure enjoyed the Rosemary Band concert Saturday, and many others with me congratulate you on having the best band in the State.—C. W. Draper, Edenton, N. C.

Our family listened to your program Saturday night. It was greatly enjoyed by us all.—The Mustian Family, Middleburg, N. C.

Your program came in fine Saturday night. It was enjoyed very much by wife and I. Please notify me when you broadcast again and play "Should I"—M. R. Hinson, Cambridge, Ohio.

Program came in fine. It was grand. When will you broadcast again? We all enjoy band concerts.—Mrs. Clyde Stacey, Lincolnton, N. C.

Listened in and your program was fine. When will you be on the air again?—B. B. Kendrick, Lincolnton, N. C.

Heard a part of your program Saturday night. It was fine. I never fail to tune in when I see a Band on the air.—W. A. Litchfield, Norfolk, Va.

Tuned in on your band Saturday night. Entire program came in fine. We all enjoyed it. When will you broadcast again?—C. T. Johnson, So. Rosemary, N. C.

My! I heard your band concert Saturday night. It certainly was fine. What was the title of the overture? Your band shows the training you have given them and I congratulate you, for they certainly showed up well in every particular.—E. L. Remsburg, Fayetteville, N. C.

Program fine. Please play "Chicago Tribune."—J. R. Perry, Willow Springs, N. C.

Band program wonderfully. Sounds like "Sousa."—Mrs. T. W. Worley, R. J. Craig, Henderson, N. C.

Program coming in fine. Good playing. Perfect broadcast. Congratulations.—Walker Electric Co., Rosemary, N. C.

Heard all your program Saturday night. It was fine. Enjoyed it very much. The volume was perfect. I thought the type of program given would appeal to anyone. Hope you will be on the air again soon.—R. E. Ward, Raleigh, N. C.

NEW HUNT STORE READY TO OPEN HERE TOMORROW

Hunt's Five Cent to Dollar Store will open in Rosemary Friday morning in the building formerly occupied by the Williams 5-10-15 Store. For the past two weeks, carpenters have been busy remodeling the front and interior. The front has been painted the dark red of the Hunt Stores.

Mr. W. T. Tomlinson is manager of the new store and Superintendent H. O. Hunt of Wilson has been here for several days helping him to arrange for the opening tomorrow. Mr. Hunt stressed the point that owners and employees of the Hunt Stores are all North Carolinians.

Miss Nellie Ward, efficient field worker for the Hunt Stores, has also been here several days training the girls in the proper way to give polite and speedy service to the trade.

4 THEFTS REPORTED THIS WEEK

Epidemic Breaks Out Again; Officers Make Arrests in Two

After a lull of several weeks, the robbery epidemic in this section cropped out again in several places over the week-end with four robberies reported and those charged with two of them arrested by the officers.

Two men were arrested yesterday near Emporia after an unsuccessful attempt to enter a store. The arresting officers found over \$25 in new overalls and cigarettes on them and were going to take them in for robbing the Virginia store when the two confessed they stole the goods from the D. I. Kidd Store near No. 2 Roanoke Mill.

Mr. Kidd had reported a theft which took place Monday night and the men were brought here by local police. The stolen property was partly identified and they were placed in jail. One man gave his name as Lonnie Green of Weldon, the other as John Conwell of Rich Square.

The Seaboard Air Line R. R. seems to be having its share of the trouble. Another theft took place at the local freight office Monday night when the freight house was entered and more than \$200 worth of meat, cigarettes and snuff was stolen. Seaboard detectives are working on the case.

A third robbery sometime over the week-end was also reported from Seaboard, N. C., where it is said the freight office was entered and over \$300 worth of provisions were stolen.

The fourth stealing was an accidental catch, as the officers were out after liquor at the time. They had just started a futile raid on the Green Top Filling Station near Deep Creek, when they stopped one Ernest Monroe. In a paper sack, he carried a bottle of potent home brew. Journeying home with him the officers found a five gallon crock of the brew and they also found several hundred yards of underwear material such as that used by the Shaw Knitting Mills at Weldon.

There they also discovered some of the finished products in underwear, gingham, etc. The manager of the Shaw mills informed them that some such stuff had been stolen from the mills sometime ago but asked that the man be held until Mr. Shaw returns to the city.

Monroe waived examining trial here and was taken to Halifax jail. Officers say he admits a habit of spending much of his spare time in jails and on the road. He says he served a two year sentence in Virginia for chicken stealing and has served at least two sentences in two different counties in this state.

RAID GAS STATIONS

Officers Raid Three Stations; Arrest All Operators On Whiskey Charges

Local officers raided three filling stations early Thursday morning and found liquor at all of them. At Skunk Bottom Filling Station near Tillmans Crossroad, operated by Roy DeHart, they found three pints and say he poured more out of a window. DeHart was placed under a \$300 bond.

Forrest Medlin, said to operate a station near South Weldon, is out under \$150 bond when officers found liquor to the amount of over one half gallon at his place of business.

A filling station owned by Glenn Hockaday, The Blue Arrow, at Roanoke Junction, was raided Thursday and a gallon and three pints found in the station, some in a pitcher and 3 pints outside the station. A case of empty bottles was also found.

Audrey Twisdale who was in charge was arrested, as was Mr. Hockaday. They were released under \$300 bonds. Raiding officers were Chief Gray, L. E. Keeter and W. C. Mitchell of Weldon.

12th Grade Winners

Several rooms at the High School entered the competition for sale of tickets for the Kiwanis show Minstrel Mimics last week and the 12th grade came out winners and was awarded five dollars by the club to use for their class fund. Miss Pearlle Istericko was the best individual salesman and in addition to several free tickets won an additional dollar in cash.

START NEW DIAL PHONE BUILDING

Construction Telephone Building Starts On Roanoke Avenue

Work started the first of this week on the construction of the central office for the Twin Cities new automatic telephone exchange. The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. has purchased the lot on the corner of Roanoke Avenue and Fifth Street, opposite Mrs. K. Jenkins' residence, and is building there.

The building will not mar the residential beauty of the Avenue but will be of the modern bungalow type, stucco finish, with an artistic entrance and a well-kept lawn.

In the front of the building will be the office where bills may be paid and other business transacted, while two large rooms in the rear will house the automatic switchboards for the new dial system.

Telephone Company officials believe the new system will be installed and in operation by the middle of this summer. Most of the new equipment has already arrived from the factory. As soon as the building is completed, work will start on installing the automatic boards. The new cables must be run all over town with special cables to and from Weldon, both for local and long distance service.

The new system will be completely installed in the three towns and thoroughly tested before the old system is dispensed with. Then it will be a matter of minutes to cut over on the new lines.

During the process of the work here the telephone poles will be removed from Roanoke Avenue from First Street to Twelfth Street and placed in alleys, so as to leave the White Way alone on the Avenue.

In Weldon, the company has started construction of a similar building at 4th and Elm. It will house similar equipment and will also be central quarters for long distance operators. At least nine will be employed to take care of the toll and repeater work that will come through the exchange.

Contract for the building was awarded to Rose and Son, contractors of Rocky Mount.

There will be three or four times as many trunk lines to Weldon under the new system, with room for more as the business increases, so that long distance calls will not be difficult to get through. One reason for delays now is that with a free line to Weldon and only three or four trunk lines, social calls keep the lines crowded. Telephone officials said sometime ago that a nominal fee for a call to Weldon would have guaranteed perfect service on long distance in the past, but they did not want to put on the charge as the three towns are so near.

They predict that the new dial system will give the Twin Cities the best service that can be obtained anywhere in the country, both on local and long distance calls. It is also said that Garysburg and Halifax will be added to the system with direct connections to every Twin City phone.

OFFICERS LOCK UP FILLING STATION WHEN ALL VANISH

Officers raided the Lick Lark Filling Station between here and Littleton on Sunday and found a quantity of liquor hidden around the filling station. The owner, Grayson Dickens, was not around and the boys he had left in charge disappeared at the arrival of the officers. Nor did they return, and the officers had to lock the place up before departing.

The raiding party split and part of them raided the house of a negro between Halifax and Enfield. They found a small quantity of liquor and the reputed owner is in jail at Halifax. The other portion of the party later arrested Jack West, negro, wanted by Warren County officers on several charges and reported to have escaped from the road gang of that county.

Officers in the party were Sheriff Johnson and Officers House, Dobbins and Green.

Mrs. Pendleton Grizzard spent the week-end with Mrs. Page Taylor in Ashland, Va.